



## YULARA SCHOOL NEWSLETTER, TERM 1 WEEK

As we begin the 2024 school year we welcome new families, students and staff who have joined our community. Mrs Stockley & Miss Donny are on leave and will return later in this term as acting principal & classroom support. Miss Kristy returns to the Mala room teaching Transition to Year 2 and Miss Jenn returns to support the High school room with distance education students in year 7-12. We welcome Mr Steve as acting-acting principal, Miss Hosking and Miss Frew teaching year 3 to 6 and Miss Katja in the office.

Next week (week 3) starts with an assembly on Monday at 8:30. Then on Monday and Tuesday Mr Steve will be teaching the Mala class while Miss Kristy is in Alice Springs for Professional Development.

It is wonderful to see so many students being sun safe wearing their hats and bringing water bottles. We remind you that Yulara school is Nut Aware and at least one of our students has severe allergies/anaphylaxis to nuts and dairy. For safety students are not able to share food and must practice safe handwashing, this has been discussed in class. When we have special events such as the canteen opening teachers will supervise and support students involved.

# Welcome to 2024

YAY!  
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## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents,

My name is Steve Nankivell and I'm acting as Principal at Yulara school for the first five weeks of term. The students are calling me Mr. Steve as my surname is a bit of a mouthful.

Ms Stockley is on sick leave and due to return to school late February, early March.

In the last 27 years I have taught in many places throughout the NT including Imanpa, Watiyawanu, M'Bunghara, Millingimbi, Don Dale Juvenile Detention centre, every school in the Katherine region as Hearing Advisory Teacher Student services, Woolianna, Timber Creek, Adelaide River, Belyuen, Barunga, Papunya, Willowra, Elliot, Alcoota and now Yulara.

The students are very well mannered and well behaved at Yulara School and it is a pleasure to work with them all, even if it is for only a short time. We have made a very pleasing start to 2024, with all students very enthusiastic about learning new things. Feel free to drop into the school for a chat and to have a look at the great work your children are doing. If you have any issues or questions, please don't hesitate to contact the school.

## FROM THE ADMIN /OFFICE

Palya Families,

I am Katja Birmingham. Some of you know me from my previous role in Purchasing with Voyages.

I have been working with children early on in my career as trainer in Kung Fu and self-assertion and self-defence courses in Germany, as English teacher in Taiwan and as a journalist when reporting for children from Germany, Russia and China. I am grateful to be working with children again in my new role as Administration Officer/Classroom Support and I am delighted to get to know all of your children and you.



## MALA MUSINGS

Hello Families, I am excited to be continuing the learning journey with Mala class this year and what a terrific start to term we have had with both familiar and new faces in our classroom! We are all settling in well as we learn new routines and work together. Over the past two weeks we have been investigating with numbers, collecting data to discover our 'favourites', reading books and retelling through role play and story maps. We will miss Thaviru as he heads north with his family and wish him all the best in his new school. Looking forward to what the rest of the year and our time together brings.

Ms Kristy and Ms Donny



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# NGIYARI NOISE

Hello Families,

I'm Miss Frew and I have been teaching for the last nine years in a regional Victorian town, most recently with Year 5/6 students. I have experience in special education and mainstream settings.

I'm Miss Hosking and I have been teaching on the North-West Coast of Tasmania for the last seven years. Before that, I was teaching in the Northern Territory and Vietnam.

It has been wonderful to see students be so enthusiastic about the start of the school year. Since commencing, students in Years 3-6 have been completing learning all together, then in Year 3/4 and Year 5/6 groups for different literacy and numeracy learning tasks. We are awaiting the new TV to be installed in the second classroom which will likely be next week.

We have started establishing routines in the classroom and explained to students that this may look different to last year, as will their specialist classes until week six. Students have been working on structuring and creating an informative piece of writing using a topic sentence, supporting details and a concluding sentence. They have also been exploring the narrative hill structure.

Please come and see us if you have any questions or would like to pass on information, as we don't yet have access to some online systems.

Miss Frew and Miss Hosking



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# ASSOA AIRS & NTSDE NEWS

Hello families

As we start 2024 the high school room is buzzing with a majority of the ASSOA middle years students living in Yulara. With teachers for ASSOA in Alice Springs & NTSDE in Darwin and other students in “the worlds largest classroom”/all over the NT. Students in year 8 & 9 have welcomed 5 new year 7s into our classroom and support them to settle into the routine of logging on to classes via Zoom and Teams.

It is wonderful to see students in year 7 to 10 support each other and offer advice on everything from IT to maths formulas. I look forward to a wonderful 2024 with Yulara School and students of Alice Springs School Of the Air & Northern Territory School of Distance Education.  
Miss Jenn

## NAPLAN

NAPLAN stands for the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy. NAPLAN is a series of common literacy and numeracy tests conducted annually across Australia for all students across Australia for all students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9.

The test window is from the 13th to 25th of March. It is a requirement that all schools administer online tests, with the exception that Year 3 students will continue to complete the writing test on paper.

A parent/carer information sheet will be sent home with all students eligible to sit NAPLAN this year.



## MINISTER OF EDUCATION VISITS

On Thursday, February 8th, we have had a visit of the Deputy Chief Minister of the Northern Territory Chansey Paech.

He shortly introduced himself to all primary students and then focused on learning who is who. He was quite excited about the many places in Australia and worldwide the children are from. Before he left, he gave two scooters to the school. One for the girls. One for the boys. Everyone has the chance to win one of them. Raffle tickets will be distributed by all school staff to those who do a good deed or show good manners. Who collects more tickets has a bigger chance to win. By the end of term one Chansey Paech will be back with a party and to draw the winners. In the short time of morning tea multiple tickets were already awarded out. Everyone has a chance to win.



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